

# 2026 Recycle Ohio Grant Program

# **Source Reduction Grant**

## **Source Reduction Grant Eligible Projects**

This grant provides funding for governments, non-profits, K-12 public and private schools, colleges, and universities to purchase equipment promoting reuse practices. Grant funds may be used to purchase equipment such as water bottle refilling stations, dishwashers, and hand dryers. Installation, maintenance, and labor are not eligible costs under the grant and must be covered by the grantee.

Project Category	Maximum Grant Request	Match	Project Examples (examples are illustrative and not all-inclusive)
Source Reduction Equipment	\$10,000	No Match	Equipment for promoting reuse practices over single use disposable products such as new or retrofit water bottle refilling stations, dishwashers, hand dryers, etc.

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Allowable Costs			Unallowable Costs	
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#### **Additional Information**

Those eligible to apply include the following:

 Municipal corporations, counties, townships, villages, solid waste management districts or authorities, park districts, health districts, state agencies, statewide recycling and litter prevention trade organizations, and non-profit organizations

When are applications accepted?

• Ohio EPA will accept applications October 7, 2024, through December 6, 2024. Grants are awarded on an annual basis and will be awarded on April 1, 2025. The application process for this funding program is highly competitive.

### **Other Considerations**

- No match. If awarded, funding covers only the cost of equipment. The installation, labor, and other associated costs are the responsibility of the grantee
- Grant period is 12 months (April 1 through March 30)
- Grant funds must be spent within the grant period
- No outstanding financial or environmental compliance issues with applicant
- No partial awards are issued
- If awarded, timeline extensions and/or additional grant funds are not allowable
- If awarded, initial payment of 100 percent is released on April 1 and project is closed after a completed electronic closeout report is submitted and approved by Ohio EPA
- Applications and grant closeout reports are submitted online at <a href="https://ohioepa.custhelp.com/app/apply">https://ohioepa.custhelp.com/app/apply</a>

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